

CHAPTER 62
STATE FOREST CAMPING

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571—62.1(461A) Applicability. This rule governs camping activity in the following areas:

1. Yellow River State Forest, Allamakee County.
2. Stephens State Forest, Clarke, Lucas, Appanoose, Davis, and Monroe Counties.
3. Shimek State Forest, Van Buren and Lee Counties.

571—62.2(461A) Camping areas established and marked.

62.2(1) Areas to be utilized for camping shall be established within each of these state forests.

62.2(2) Signs designating the established camping areas shall be posted along the access roads into these areas and around the perimeter of the area designated for camping use.

62.2(3) Areas approved for backpack camping (no vehicular access) shall be marked with appropriate signs and shall contain fire rings.

571—62.3(461A) Camping restricted.

62.3(1) No person shall camp in these state forests except within the designated camping areas or at established backpack camping sites.

62.3(2) Camping within the designated camping area shall be on sites posted by numbered signs marking the location to be used by the camping unit or within the marked boundary of camping areas where sites are not posted.

571—62.4(461A) Firearm use prohibited. The use by the public, except peace officers acting in the scope of their employment, of firearms, fireworks, explosives, and weapons of all kinds is prohibited within the established camping area as delineated by signs marking the area.

571—62.5(461A) Camping fees and registration.

62.5(1) Any person who camps in a state forest must register the person's name and address with the department of natural resources' representative in charge of the area.

62.5(2) The fees for camping in these state forest established campgrounds shall be the same as in all other nonmodern areas managed by the department of natural resources where fees are charged. A basic camping unit is defined as the portable shelter used by one to six persons.

62.5(3) Chaperoned, organized youth group fees are the same as in all group camp areas managed by the department of natural resources.

62.5(4) Persons using backpack camping sites shall register at the forest area check station or other designated site. No fee will be charged for the use of the designated backpack campsites.

571—62.6(461A) Hours. Access into and out of the established camping areas shall be permitted from 4 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. During the hours of 10:31 p.m. to 3:59 a.m. only registered campers are permitted in the campgrounds.

571—62.7(461A) Extra vehicle parking. Rescinded IAB 9/5/01, effective 10/10/01.

571—62.8(461A) Horses and pets. No horse or other animal shall be hitched or tied to any tree or shrub in a manner to result in injury to state property. Pets such as dogs or cats shall not be allowed to run at large within the designated camping area. Such animals shall be deemed running at large unless the owner carries the animal or leads it by leash or chain not exceeding six feet in length or keeps it confined in or attached to a vehicle. Chains or other restraints used shall not be of sufficient length as to permit the animal to enter a designated campsite other than the one used by the animal's owner.

Stabling of equine animals and llamas shall be in accordance with 571—paragraph 61.3(5) "i."

571—62.9(461A) Time limit. No camping unit shall be permitted to camp longer than two weeks at a time within a state forest, except volunteers working under an Iowa department of natural resources campground host program agreement.

571—62.10(461A) Camping refused. Department of natural resources officers are given authority to refuse camping privileges and to rescind any and all camping permits for cause.

571—62.11(461A) Noise. Creating or sustaining any unreasonable noise in any portion of the campground is prohibited at all times. The nature and purpose of a person's conduct, the impact on other area users, time of day, location, and other factors which would govern the conduct of a reasonable, prudent person under the circumstances shall be used to determine whether the noise is unreasonable. This shall include the operation or utilization of motorized equipment or machinery such as an electric generating plant, motor vehicle, motorized toy, or an audio device such as a radio, television set, tape deck, public address system, or musical instrument or other device causing unreasonable noise. Between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 6 a.m., noise which can be heard at a distance of 120 feet or three campsites shall be considered unreasonable.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 461A.35, 461A.44, 461A.45, 461A.47 to 461A.51 and 461A.57.

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